

I. Pro-Western Conservatives Probable winners  
in Parliamentary Elections (today, 9 June).

- A.  start widespread government intervention in elections.
1. Aimed at Communist-dominated National Front.
  2. Hopes assure parliamentary control for Constitutional Union party of Nuri Said.
- B. Other leading conservative party--led by Saleh Jabr--split three ways.
1. Many, including Jabr--erstwhile Nuri foe--presently supporting Nuri.

II. Communist-directed National Front (illegal Communist Party plus leftist National Democratic Party, rightist Independence Party and independents) expected win 8 to 20 seats out of 135.

- A. Lower figure more likely.
- B.  arrest seven Front

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**C. Communists threaten armed demonstrations.**

1. Several killed, wounded, arrested so far.
2. However, Iraqi army to take over police posts 8-10 June, will return fire if crowd begins shooting.
3. Government considered able control situation.

**III. Conservative Victory Means Continuation**  
**Present Iraqi Foreign Policy:**

- A. Implementation Iraqi-American arms agreement.
- B. Support for eventual adherence Turkish-Pakistani pact.
- C. Nonetheless, increased importance Communist Party a problem:
  1. With possibly 10 seats, Communist-controlled candidates can cause trouble through ability exploit anti-Westernism in parliament.

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campaign, attracted independent support, spread propaganda against arms aid and pact, even though CP outlawed and continuously subject police repression.

**D. Mounting tension in Iraq, despite election outcome:**

1. Pro-Western politicians' apathy, absence genuine liberal, reform party, leaves Communists sole voice deep political, social discontent.
2. Elections doing nothing eliminate that discontent; extremism will grow.

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